

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Demarest Borough Hall
7:30PM

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

September 1, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Linda Cetta opened the meeting at 7:35 pm with the following announcement: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting and notice of regular meeting was posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to The Star Ledger and The Record and was filed with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Demarest on August 28, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Roll Call: Present: MN, JL, LC, AE. Absent: EH, MH, JR

2. Approval of minutes: Motion to approve July 7, 2022, Minutes, 1st MN, 2nd JL

3. Old Business: 23 Anderson Ave. violation was satisfied. 19 Pine Hill Terrace is on the docket for September. 36 Wellwood Ave is postponed and to be reheard. 26 Central Ave. and 8 Blanche Ave. was issued a violation. Discussions: How to determine if a tree is healthy. Utilizing Facebook to keep residents informed about the Ordinances. The newsletter is on hold, but seeking new ideas for upcoming articles, Spotted Lantern Fly has made it to Demarest and other surrounding towns. Violations collected will be used for hazardous tree removal, priority prune list, and planting. Future planting Motion to pass 1st AE 2nd MN. The adopt a tree program as an after-school program. There are many factors in participating in the cemetery renovations. Fall planting might be put on hold until the Spring depending on the drought. Motion to not plant in the Fall 1st MN 2nd JL. There will be a special meeting on October 6, 2022, to vote on Fall planting. Water bag for new trees will be considered for purchase for new trees that are planted. Two of the trees in the triangle do not look healthy due to the drought. The Fire Department and DPW assisted in watering the trees.

4. New Business: Budget is low and was cut to \$32,000.00 this year. Current balance is \$3,000.00. October conference must have two members of the Shade Tree to attend. A member of the DPW will be attending to get Core Certified. ST will be sharing a table for

Octoberfest and will provide tree removal permits, Request to plant, and coloring books about trees for children. The meeting held by NJSTC will be on Zoom. Demarest Shade Tree Commission will attend a Dumont Shade Tree meeting to see how they conduct business. Deer are an ongoing issue with trees. Suggestion by Council Woman Fox to have the tree removal ordinance amended and include a formula for builders who remove trees to replace trees within the Borough. Residents taking down dead trees should have to replace with a new tree. Term of Office: Upcoming members whose term is expiring. Bi Laws, 5 Members, one Chairman.

5. Open to the Public: A resident thanked the Shade Tree Commission for their outstanding performance and dedication.

6. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting by AL, 2ND by JL. The meeting closed at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Lee Campbell Shade Tree Secretary